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PIEZOELECTRIC LIGHTER

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Please make the following amendments to this application
prior to examination thereof:

In the Claims:

Cancel claims 1-20.

Add new claims 21-40 as follows:

21. An ignition actuation mechanism for a lighter for
generating discharge voltage that causes a spark of electrical
current between ignition electrodes to ignite fuel gas when an
actuation member is pressed including:

a first elastic member positioned to resist actuation
movement of the actuation member having:

a first spring rate; and

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